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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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FOLLOWING ROME 4952 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO SANTIAGO MAR 25;
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 4952

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CI, IT

SUBJECT: ASYLUM CASE OF VERDUGO GONZALAZ AND FAMILY

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CASE WITH MFA CHILEAN DESK
OFFICER ANFUSO AT LATTER'S REQUEST MARCH 24. MFA INFORMED
BY ITALIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO THAT U.S. DOES NOT INTEND
OFFER GONZALEZ ASYLUM AND DESIRES CONFIRMATION OF FACT.

2. ANFUSO PROVIDED SYNOPSIS OF GONZALEZ CASE DATING FROM
HIS TAKING REFUGE IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN 1975 WITH WIFE
AND SON AND OUTLINING ITALY'S UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN RELEASE FROM CHILE FOR FAMILY.

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3. ITALIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO NOW ATTEMPTING WORK OUT
COVERT SHIFT OF GONZALEZ FAMILY TO VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN
BELIEF SOUTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CAN DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY
WITH GOC. MFA BELIEVES VENEZUELAN'S WOULD BE MORE FORTH-
COMING IF THEY UNDERSTOOD GONZALEZ' COULD GO ON TO U.S.
ONCE THEY LEFT CHILE.

4. ACCORDING ANFUSO, ITALIANS PERPLEXED ON THIS POINT SINCE THEY BELIEVED GONZALEZ' HOLD RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS. THIS REINFORCED BY ACTIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR FAMILY. ANFUSO ALSO STATED GONZALEZ' SON BORN IN U.S. POSSIBILITY OF FAMILY GOING TO U.S. IMPORTANT APPARENTLY BECAUSE GONZALEZ IS FORMER MEMBER OF CHILEAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, AND ORGANIZATIONS AIDING CHILEAN REFUGEES HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIM. AMFUSO STATED THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, HE BELIEVED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GONZALEZ TO LIVE IN ITALY GIVEN THE ITALIAN LEFT'S STAND ON CHILE.

5. ANFUSO REQUESTED EMBASSY SEEK CLARIFICATION OF GONZALEZ FAMILY'S U.S. RESIDENCE STATUS AND, IF THEY NOT RESIDENT ALIENS, WHETHER WE WOULD BE WILLING GRANT ASYLUM.GARDNER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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